

YESTERDAY'S OUTRAGE.

Men Arrested for Alleged Illegal Registration Still in the Tombs.

SIXTY-SIX OF THEM ALL TOLD.

Of These It Is Claimed that All but Five or Six Are Innocent.

SMALL CHANCE FOR REDRESS.

And They May Languish in Cells for Days Awaiting Trial.

The story was told exclusively in "The Evening World" last night of how fifty men were locked up in the Tombs yesterday because they simply tried to do their duty as citizens and were made the victims of incompetent, stupid or drunken election inspectors and of stupid policemen.

The men guilty of no crime whatever were locked up in cells in the Tombs all night.

They were there this morning, and there is little chance that many of them will get out to-day.

There are in all sixty-six men charged with illegal registration in the prison. Of these, it is maintained, not more than five or six are guilty.

The others are the victims of incompetent or grossly negligent registration officials and policemen.

An "Evening World" reporter went to the Tombs this morning and interviewed some of the prisoners.

In one cell was Charles Rein, who lives with his wife and little child at 32 West Thirtieth street. He has lived there since August and has worked for John Runk, a butter dealer, of 321 Seventh avenue, for fifteen months.

Yesterday Mr. Rein went to vote. He was arrested. He had registered properly, but he was promptly taken to the Tombs. No explanation was given him. He was not allowed to give his story or his name.

His wife is sick. His baby is sick. His wife doesn't know where he is. He could not find any way of communicating with her.

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at No. 416 instead of No. 460. Daniel Baylan, of 46 West Thirtieth street, will testify that they were all drunk when I registered.

Now I am locked up because they were too drunk to attend to their business. I was going to vote the reform ticket.

James Lynch is in an adjoining cell. He lives at 622 Greenwich street. He is registered.

He was put in there for reform, but was arrested before he got the chance.

Michael Angelo Forcella lives with his family at 179 Park Row. He has lived there for nine months. The election inspectors made a 4 for a 7 and put him down as living at 10 Park Row.

He was indicted, arrested, and has spent the night in jail.

Thomas Fitzpatrick said he was arrested for illegal registration.

"I have lived at 409 West Thirtieth street for years," said he to an "Evening World" reporter. "I registered from there and had a permit to vote."

But when I tried to cast my ballot it was arrested on a bench warrant. It was charged that I had not given my correct residence. It seems that the election inspectors called at the house and finding that I had not answered their question, they arrested me.

"Mrs. Gumb is my aunt. She never resided with me as long as I lived there. The inspector's question did not think to explain that her nephew lived with her."

This is the only explanation I can give for the charge against me. I have not been before a judge and have had no opportunity to clear myself of the charge against me."

Edward T. Davis said:

"I was arrested for illegal registration from the Star Hotel, at Park Row and James street. I have been employed at No. 2 of the New York Central Railroad, and am ashore but a few days out of every month."

Before I registered there, I asked the inspectors if I could register from the Star Hotel, telling them I always stopped there when on shore. They asked me how long I had been there, and I said six or seven days.

"I had only been there four days, but I said six or seven days. They told me it was all right, and so I registered."

"I showed them a letter from my clerk, backing up my statements, and that seemed to satisfy them. I did not know they were going to arrest me."

George Vann, an intelligent colored man, said:

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seventh street for two years, and registered from there. Policemen Sauls arrested me when I attempted to vote. It was charged that I did not reside at the place from which I had registered. I have lived with a family by the name of Weston, who occupy the first floor of the house. Two families live on the second and third floors.

It is probable that the inspectors in this case saw only the second and third floor families and concluded that I did not live there. I can offer no other reason for my arrest. I work for Peter Callan, at Thirty-seventh street and Ninth avenue, and am well known in the neighborhood.

These are only a few—the first that the reporter could see. There are more than fifty others whose cases are just as outrageous.

Assistant District Attorney Unger said this morning that the District Attorney's office would try to get the men free as soon as possible to-day. If it could be done. In the mean time, they must stay in prison.

Judge Mayne said in his chambers this morning that he had not seen any of the citizens who had been arrested for illegal registration.

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W. K. Vanderbilt Will Not Oppose His Wife's Suit.

The Divorce Case to Be Tried in Rhode Island.

Col. William Jay Said to Have at Last Arranged a Settlement.

Within the past fortnight the final financial arrangements are said to have been made between Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and suit for divorce will be begun under the laws of Rhode Island.

Col. William Jay has been acting as the representative of Mrs. Vanderbilt since the quarrel was made public some months ago. Col. Jay, who went abroad last spring with Mrs. Jay, has no doubt accomplished all that is possible in the interests of his client. He is a trusted friend of Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, and therefore well fitted for the task.

Col. Jay arrived in the city last week and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt came from Newport to meet him. In a brief interview the terms agreed to by Mr. Vanderbilt were made known, and Col. Jay returned to Newport with Mrs. Vanderbilt.

The sum offered by Mr. Vanderbilt was computed after long and careful consideration by the family lawyers. It is understood to be \$3,000,000. As a wife of a multi-millionaire, Mrs. Vanderbilt has naturally a right to a very large sum as dowry. She is not, however, considered to be the injured party in the case, and her husband's generosity to her and her immediate relatives has been in the past unqualified. It is therefore held that she is very fairly treated in receiving an amount of money somewhat larger than the law would possibly require. She will take the sum mentioned in place of alimony and of her right of dower.

While Mrs. Vanderbilt will have the legal custody of her children, it is believed that the two eldest, who are almost grown up, will be allowed to make their choice and live with their father or his family if they wish to. Not for years has a domestic infelicity afflicted New York society as greatly as that of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt. Only the Colman-Drayton case can be compared with it for interest, and that was of a considerably different character.

What Mr. Vanderbilt will do after the divorce is decreed is the phase of the case which is most exciting gossip. He is good looking, amiable and fond of society. When a marriageable man combines these qualities with vast fortune there must be a very large number of hearts yearning to console him. There is even a rumor already of the prospective engagement of Mr. Vanderbilt to the widowed Duchess of Manchester, who was formerly Miss Consuelo Yznaga, of New York, and who is a very handsome woman.

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